

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action of September 28, 2006.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention defined as being in group I, namely claims 1-18 and 22-27, drawn to an apparatus and classified in class 118, subclass 715.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested. The Examiner has indicated that the inventions of the apparatus in group I, and of the process in group II, namely claims 19-21, are related as a process and apparatus for its practice. The Examiner also indicated that in this case the apparatus could be used in another and materially different process from that which is claimed in group II, such as providing only one liquid to the vaporization chamber.

Claim 1, which is an apparatus claim, does in fact provide that at least one of the sources of gas or liquid comprises a plurality of different materials, and that a single liquid could be introduced in the vaporizer. The method claims, do specify that two liquids are introduced, but it is respectfully pointed out that the nature of claim 1, while claimed as "permitting" two liquids to be introduced the claim in effect covers the use of two liquids, in the same manner that claim 19 does. While there was an indication that searching in these two different areas would be a burden on the Examiner, it would appear that since claim 1 would cover the introduction of two liquids, the art relating to methods for introducing two liquids should also be searched in any event.

Thus, it is believed that because the searches are overlapping, the two groups of claims are properly kept in the same application.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the fact that there have been three Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application.

Again, absent favorable reconsideration by the Examiner, the Applicant elects to prosecute claims in Group I, namely claims 1-18 and 22-27.

Favorable action maintaining all of the claims in this one application, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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